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Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke may have a reason for not wanting to release his report on resizing national monuments: he didn't finish it in time.

The Interior Department today announced that Zinke sent a draft report to the White House on 22 national monuments, 16 of which could be on the chopping block. Beyond a two-page summary describing his review process and a press release, the agency declined to provide any details about what Zinke recommended. And while the secretary talked with a number of GOP lawmakers about the report on Wednesday, he appears to have kept many of the details to himself, and he has not informed many state governors what he is recommending for monuments within their borders.

Trump in April gave Zinke 120 days to write a final report, but a White House official today pointed out to POLITICO that the Secretary may have missed his deadline and that the final outcome of the report, including what actions Trump may take, are far from resolved.

"The report is a draft, so we are continuing to work with Interior on getting the best information on which to base recommendations for POTUS," the official said. "Once we have a final report, in the coming weeks, we will make it public."

The Washington Post has reported Zinke recommended downsizing the Bears' Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments in Utah and Cascade Siskiyou monument in Oregon.

Nancy Cook contributed to this report.

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